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PROMOTION OF LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made in the current Five Year Plan for the development of languages including Santhali language;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan for the promotion of languages including Santhali language;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the implementation of the said action plan during the current financial year, language-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) The allocation made in the 10th Five Year Plan for the development of languages including Santhali Language is Rs. 323.28 crores.

(b) & (c) At present, there are several organizations and schemes funded by the Government for promotion of Indian Languages. For Santhali language, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore has prepared a plan to promote Santhali language, literature, education, culture & translation. This includes preparing a comprehensive dictionary of Santhali, multilingual and multi-directional lexicons-linking Santhali with Hindi, Bangla, Oriya, Assamese and English, preparing a large monolingual Santhali-Santhali dictionary, publication grant for a large number of unpublished manuscripts in Santhali and creation of facilities to encourage creative writing in Santhali. Santhali has been included in the Grant in Aid scheme for bulk purchase of book promotion.

(d) There is no separate language-wise action plan. The Budget Estimate for various language organizations and schemes during the current financial year is Rs. 112 crores.